

# $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons at ATLAS}$

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Higgs Production Mechanisms at the LHC

$t\bar{t}H$  Analysis Channels at ATLAS

4 Lepton Channel

- Event Signature

- Backgrounds

- Analysis Strategy

- Z Depleted Channel

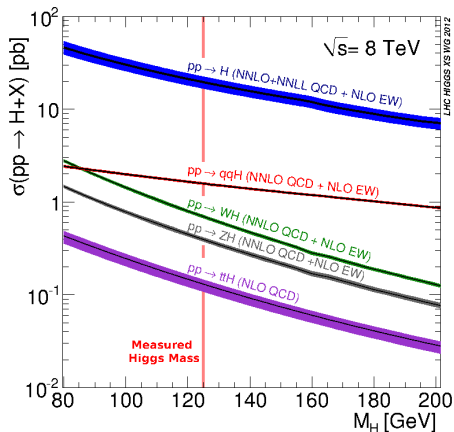
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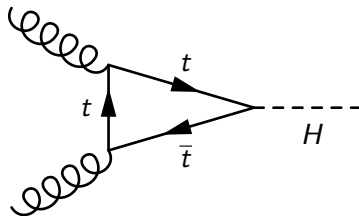
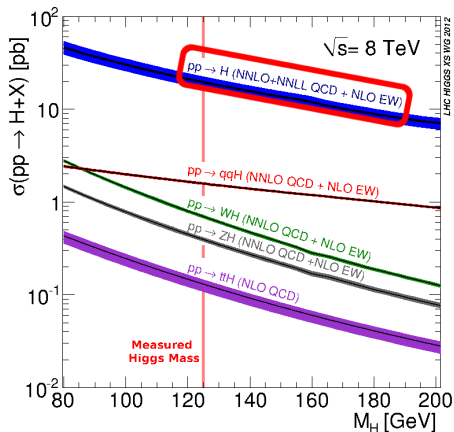
- Cross Section Sensitivity Estimate

Summary and Outlook

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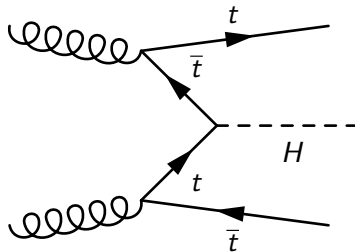
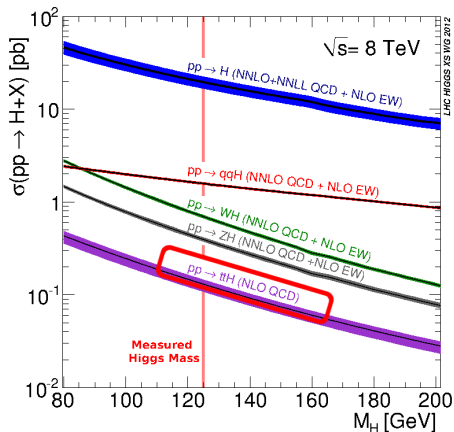


# Higgs Production Mechanisms at the LHC



Gluon-gluon fusion  
Dominant production mode

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$t\bar{t}$  fusion

Direct access to top  
Yukawa coupling

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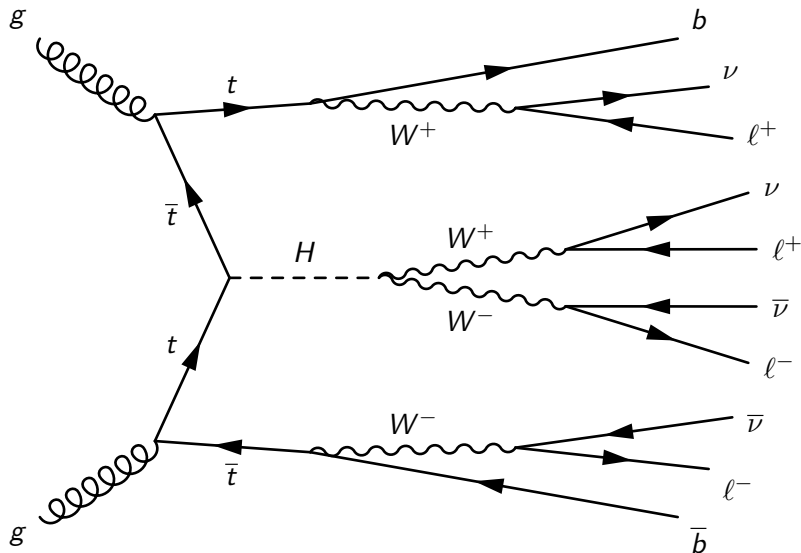
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- 4 charged leptons + 2 b-jets ← **very clean channel, but low BR**

## 4 Lepton Event Signature





## 4 Lepton Backgrounds

Two major backgrounds for this channel:

### $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

- Reducible
- Z veto
- No b-jets
- Different kinematics
- Relatively well understood - major background for  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

### $ttZ/\gamma^* \rightarrow 4l$

- $ttZ$  is reducible with a Z veto
- $tt\gamma^*$  is irreducible
- Huge theoretical cross section uncertainty
- No published experimental cross section measurement

Additional backgrounds considered:

- $ttW$ ,  $ttWW$ ,  $tbb$ ,  $ttcc$ ,  $tt$ ,  $WZ$ ,  $W\gamma^*$

# 4 Lepton Analysis Strategy

Up to now these are MC studies (First CRs unblinded last week)

Plan to use data driven techniques as much as possible

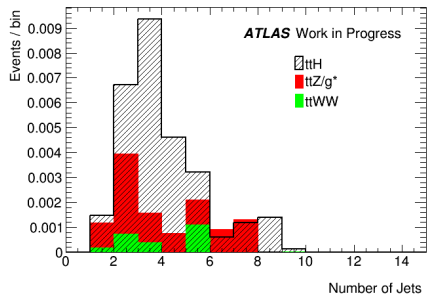
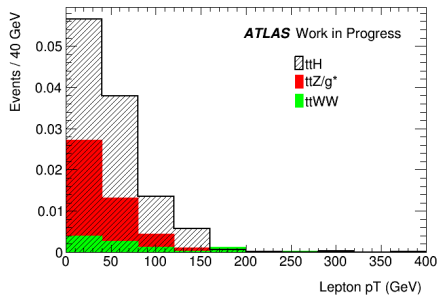
Counting experiment with multiple SRs

- $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$  is the largest SM source of multileptonic final states
- Can split signal regions into how many Zs could possibly create the final state leptons

4 lepton signal regions:

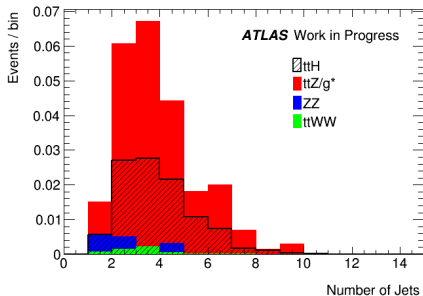
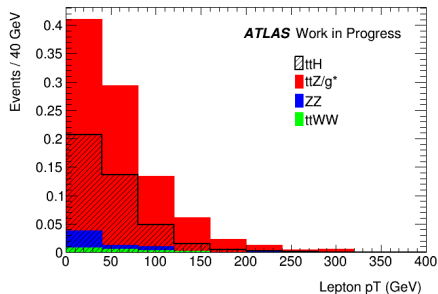
- Z depleted:  $e^\pm e^\pm \mu^\mp \mu^\mp$
- Z enriched:  $eee\mu$  and  $e\mu\mu\mu$
- ZZ enriched:  $eeee$ ,  $\mu\mu\mu\mu$  and  $e^\pm e^\mp \mu^\pm \mu^\mp$

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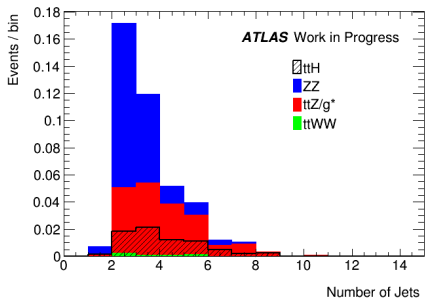
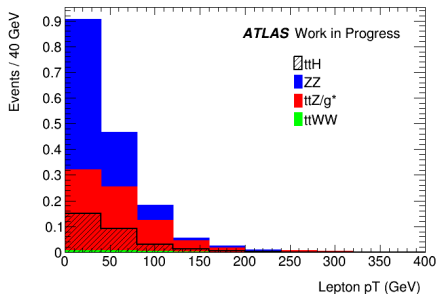
|                    | ttH                                 | Total bkg                           | ttZ/ $\gamma^*$   | ttWW              | ZZ                | S/B               | Exp. $\sigma$                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Preselection       | $0.033 \pm 0.003$                   | $0.019 \pm 0.004$                   | $0.010 \pm 0.003$ | $0.003 \pm 0.001$ | $0.005 \pm 0.002$ | $1.734 \pm 0.387$ | $0.196 \pm 0.021$                   |
| $\Sigma_i q_i = 0$ | $0.033 \pm 0.003$                   | $0.019 \pm 0.004$                   | $0.010 \pm 0.003$ | $0.003 \pm 0.001$ | $0.005 \pm 0.002$ | $1.734 \pm 0.387$ | $0.196 \pm 0.021$                   |
| Trigger            | $0.032 \pm 0.003$                   | $0.017 \pm 0.004$                   | $0.010 \pm 0.003$ | $0.003 \pm 0.001$ | $0.003 \pm 0.001$ | $1.893 \pm 0.448$ | $0.201 \pm 0.022$                   |
| OSSF Mll > 10 GeV  | $0.032 \pm 0.003$                   | $0.017 \pm 0.004$                   | $0.010 \pm 0.003$ | $0.003 \pm 0.001$ | $0.003 \pm 0.001$ | $1.893 \pm 0.448$ | $0.201 \pm 0.022$                   |
| # b-jets $\geq 1$  | <b><math>0.029 \pm 0.003</math></b> | <b><math>0.012 \pm 0.003</math></b> | $0.009 \pm 0.003$ | $0.002 \pm 0.001$ | $0.000 \pm 0.000$ | $2.417 \pm 0.708$ | <b><math>0.206 \pm 0.026</math></b> |

# Z Enriched: $ee\bar{e}\mu$ and $e\bar{\mu}\mu\mu$



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| Preselection        | $0.167 \pm 0.007$                   | $3.842 \pm 0.085$                   | $1.505 \pm 0.039$ | $0.008 \pm 0.002$ | $2.329 \pm 0.076$ | $0.044 \pm 0.002$ | $0.085 \pm 0.004$                   |
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| Trigger             | $0.164 \pm 0.007$                   | $3.718 \pm 0.084$                   | $1.497 \pm 0.039$ | $0.008 \pm 0.002$ | $2.213 \pm 0.074$ | $0.044 \pm 0.002$ | $0.085 \pm 0.004$                   |
| OSSF Mid $> 10$ GeV | $0.161 \pm 0.007$                   | $3.639 \pm 0.083$                   | $1.475 \pm 0.039$ | $0.008 \pm 0.002$ | $2.156 \pm 0.073$ | $0.044 \pm 0.002$ | $0.084 \pm 0.004$                   |
| # b-jets $\geq 1$   | $0.140 \pm 0.007$                   | $1.373 \pm 0.039$                   | $1.307 \pm 0.036$ | $0.007 \pm 0.001$ | $0.059 \pm 0.012$ | $0.102 \pm 0.006$ | $0.118 \pm 0.006$                   |
| Z Veto              | <b><math>0.103 \pm 0.005</math></b> | <b><math>0.237 \pm 0.016</math></b> | $0.220 \pm 0.015$ | $0.006 \pm 0.001$ | $0.011 \pm 0.005$ | $0.437 \pm 0.036$ | <b><math>0.199 \pm 0.011</math></b> |

# ZZ Enriched: $eeee$ , $\mu\mu\mu\mu$ and $e^\pm e^\mp \mu^\pm \mu^\mp$



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| Preselection                                    | $0.132 \pm 0.007$                   | $161.036 \pm 0.566$                 | $1.528 \pm 0.040$ | $0.012 \pm 0.002$ | $159.497 \pm 0.565$ | $0.001 \pm 0.000$ | $0.010 \pm 0.001$                   |
| $\Sigma_i q_i = 0$                              | $0.132 \pm 0.007$                   | $161.036 \pm 0.566$                 | $1.528 \pm 0.040$ | $0.012 \pm 0.002$ | $159.497 \pm 0.565$ | $0.001 \pm 0.000$ | $0.010 \pm 0.001$                   |
| Trigger   | $0.131 \pm 0.007$                   | $156.804 \pm 0.559$                 | $1.517 \pm 0.039$ | $0.012 \pm 0.002$ | $155.276 \pm 0.557$ | $0.001 \pm 0.000$ | $0.010 \pm 0.001$                   |
| OSSF MII > 10 GeV                               | $0.126 \pm 0.007$                   | $144.233 \pm 0.536$                 | $1.482 \pm 0.039$ | $0.011 \pm 0.002$ | $142.740 \pm 0.534$ | $0.001 \pm 0.000$ | $0.010 \pm 0.001$                   |
| # b-jets $\geq 1$                               | $0.112 \pm 0.006$                   | $6.016 \pm 0.103$                   | $1.307 \pm 0.037$ | $0.010 \pm 0.002$ | $4.699 \pm 0.096$   | $0.019 \pm 0.001$ | $0.046 \pm 0.003$                   |
| Z Veto  | $0.076 \pm 0.005$                   | $0.562 \pm 0.031$                   | $0.197 \pm 0.014$ | $0.006 \pm 0.001$ | $0.360 \pm 0.027$   | $0.135 \pm 0.011$ | $0.099 \pm 0.007$                   |
| $E_T^{miss} > 100\text{GeV}$ OR # jets $\geq 1$ | <b><math>0.073 \pm 0.005</math></b> | <b><math>0.417 \pm 0.025</math></b> | $0.192 \pm 0.014$ | $0.006 \pm 0.001$ | $0.220 \pm 0.021$   | $0.175 \pm 0.015$ | <b><math>0.110 \pm 0.008</math></b> |

RooStats, 95%  $CL_S$ , p-values from toys

Systematics totally notional (30% on all cross sections)

Assumes a Higgs mass of 125 GeV

## 3 Lepton

|                | Expected Limit |
|----------------|----------------|
| Stats Only     | 3.5xSM         |
| MC Stats       | 3.7xSM         |
| 30% X-Sec Syst | 4.5xSM         |

## 4 Lepton

|                | Expected Limit |
|----------------|----------------|
| Stats Only     | 11.5xSM        |
| MC Stats       | 11.9xSM        |
| 30% X-Sec Syst | 13.4xSM        |

Combination 3 and 4 lepton channels: **4.3xSM**

Reference: Peter Onyisi

# Summary and Outlook

Currently MC statistics limited; request more signal events

Finalize baseline selection for 4 lepton channel

Develop and study  $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  CR

Optimize lepton and jet selection

- Loosening lepton selection criteria will be the easiest way to increase our signal acceptance
- Will require communication with other  $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow$  leptons channels - number of selected leptons keeps SRs orthogonal

Ongoing effort to include hadronic taus

- Either as reconstructed hadronic taus or isolated tracks

At 14TeV the  $t\bar{t}H$  cross section increases by a factor of  $\sim 4$

With  $3000fb^{-1}$  we have discovery potential in  $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow$  multileptons channel alone!

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<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/CrossSections>

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# Backup Slides

# Object Selection

## Electrons:

- Medium++, OQ
- $p_T > 10\text{GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 1.37$  or  $1.52 < |\eta| < 2.47$
- $p_{T\text{cone}20}/E_T < 0.05$
- If  $E_T > 20\text{GeV}$  then  
 $E_{T\text{cone}20}/E_T < 0.10$  else  
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- $|z_0 \sin(\theta)| < 0.4\text{mm}$
- $|d_0 \text{sig}| < 3\text{mm}$

## Jets:

- Loose jet cleaning
- $p_T > 20\text{GeV}$

## Muons:

- MuID tight
- MCP ID hit requirements
- $p_T > 10\text{GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 2.5$
- $p_{T\text{cone}20}/p_T < 0.05$
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- $|z_0 \sin(\theta)| < 1\text{mm}$
- $|d_0 \text{sig}| < 3\text{mm}$

+ Overlap removal

# Cut Definitions

- Preselection: 4 good reconstructed electrons or muons
- $\sum_i q_i = 0$ : Sum of the charges of all leptons is 0
- Triggers:
  - EF\_mu24i\_tight
  - EF\_mu26\_tight
  - EF\_e24vhi\_medium1
  - EF\_e60\_medium1
- OSSF MII  $> 10$  GeV: Veto events with a same flavour opposite sign pair with an invariant mass  $< 10$  GeV
- $\#$  b-jets  $\geq 1$ : Require at least one  $p_T > 20$  GeV jet with a MV1 80% working point tag
- Z Veto: Veto events with a same flavour opposite sign pair with an invariant mass  $81 \text{ GeV} < M_{ll} < 101 \text{ GeV}$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$  OR  $\#$  jets  $\geq 1$ : Veto event if it has  $< 100 \text{ GeV}$   $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  and only 1 jet

# Significance Definition

$$\sigma = \sqrt{2} * \sqrt{(S + B) * \ln(1 + S/B) - S}$$